

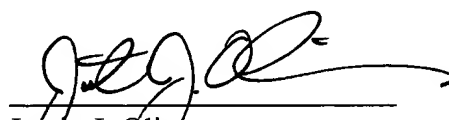
REMARKS

This application is allowed. By this Amendment, Applicant proposes minor amendments to Claims 1-4, which address informalities. Applicant submits that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims.

Applicant submits that entering the changes would not place a substantial burden on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In addition, Applicant's representative discussed these changes with the Examiner in advance of filing this paper, and the Examiner stated that the changes would be acceptable. Accordingly, Applicant requests favorable consideration and entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

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